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SUBJ: TRIESTE TAKES THE NEWS CALMLY

1. THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY OF THE AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE ZONE B AND OTHER ISSUES, REACHED BY THE ITALIAN AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTS, HAS BEEN RECEIVED THUS FAR WITH CALM DETACHMENT BY THE POPULATION OF THE CITY. POLICE REPORT THAT NOT A SINGLE INCIDENT HAS OCCURRED WHICH CAN BE RELATED TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT. EXTRA POLICE PROTECTION AFFORDED TO SOME YUGOSLAV OFFICES ON THE DAY OF THE MSI RALLY (TRIESTE 99) HAS BEEN REMOVED. EVEN THE GROUPS MOST OUTSPOKENLY OPPOSED THE AGREEMENT HAVE INDICATED A REALISTIC RECOGNITION OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC'S DISINCLINATION TO JOIN IN EXPRESSIONS OF PROTEST.

2. TODAY'S EDITORIAL IN IL PICCOLO, WHILE HEAPING RIDICULE ON THE CLAIMED BENEFITS TO ITALY OF THE ECONOMIC AND OTHER QTE CONCESSIONS UNQTE MADE BY YUGOSLAVIA AND ACCUSING THE MORO GOVERNMENT OF INCOMPETENCE, CONCLUDES RESIGNEDLY THAT QTE THE EPISODE OF ZONE B IS FINISHED UNQTE. SINCE THE NEWSPAPER HAS MADE CLEAR IN RECENT DAYS ITS (UNHAPPY)

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ACCEPTANCE OF THE INEVITABILITY OF THE AGREEMENT, SOME LOCAL

OBSERVERS ARE PUZZLED AT THE CURRENT BAN ON THE NEWSPAPER'S
DISTRIBUTION IN YUGOSLAVIA, WHERE IT IS WIDELY READ BY
MEMBERS OF THE ITALIAN MINORITY. RACKMALES

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